

**RATE FILE**Sheet No. 1 of 1Schedule No. F-1Amendment No. 10**Public Service Commission of Wisconsin****St. Nazianz Water Utility****Public Fire-Protection Service**

For public fire protection service to the Village of St. Nazianz, the annual charge shall be \$8,155 to cover the use of mains and hydrants up to and including the terminal hydrant and connection on each main existing for the 1980 test year.

For all extensions of fire protection service, a charge of \$0.38 per lineal foot of main shall be charged per annum on the basis of the length of main put into use between hydrants placed, plus a charge of \$45.00 per net hydrant added to the system after the base period.

This service shall include the use of hydrants for fire protection service only and such quantities of water as may be demanded for the purposes of extinguishing fires within the municipal boundary. This service shall also include water used for testing equipment and training personnel. For all other purposes, the metered or other rates set forth, or as may be filed with the Public Service Commission, shall apply.

The above base annual charge of \$8,155 includes an estimated 22,996 feet of transmission and distribution main, 4-inch and larger, and 36 hydrants.

The annual public fire protection charge shall never be less than the base amount.

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## Public Fire-Protection Service - Suburban

Service charge - \$5.00

Volume charge - 54¢ per 1,000 gallons used  
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**Public Service Commission of Wisconsin****St. Nazianz Water Utility****General Service - Metered****Quarterly Service Charge:**

5/8 -inch meter - \$	7.92	3 -inch meter - \$	84.14
¾ -inch meter - \$	7.92	4 -inch meter - \$	138.77
1 -inch meter - \$	15.85	6 -inch meter - \$	275.37
1¼ -inch meter - \$	22.95	8 -inch meter - \$	439.27
1½ -inch meter - \$	30.32	10 -inch meter - \$	657.82
2 -inch meter - \$	47.53	12 -inch meter - \$	876.37
2½ -inch meter - \$	71.03		

For PSC use only: Base 5/8-inch meter charge for SRC purposes - 7.25

**Plus Volume Charge:**

First 6,000 gallons used each quarter - minimum charge  
Next 24,000 gallons used each quarter - \$.60 per 1,000 gallons  
Next 170,000 gallons used each quarter - \$.45 per 1,000 gallons  
Over 200,000 gallons used each quarter - \$.28 per 1,000 gallons

**Billing:** Bills for water service are rendered quarterly and become due and payable upon issuance following the period for which service is rendered. A late payment charge of 1 percent per month will be added to bills not paid within 20 days of issuance. This late payment charge will be applied to the total unpaid balance for utility service, including unpaid late payment charges. The late payment charge is applicable to all customers. The utility customer may be given a written notice that the bill is overdue no sooner than 20 days after the bill is issued. Unless payment or satisfactory arrangement for payment is made within the next eight days, service may be disconnected pursuant to ch. PSC 185, Wis. Adm. Code.

**Combined Metering:** Volumetric meter readings will be combined for billing if the utility for its own convenience places more than one meter on a single water service lateral. Multiple meters placed for the purpose of identifying water not discharged into the sanitary sewer are not considered for utility convenience and shall not be combined for billing. Meter readings from individually metered separate service laterals shall not be combined for billing purposes.

Buildings used in the same business, located on the same parcel and served by a single lateral may have the customer's water supply piping installed to a central point so that volume can be metered in one place.

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## Public Service

Water service supplied to municipal buildings, schools, etc., shall be metered and the regular metered service rates applied.

Water used on an intermittent basis for flushing service, street sprinkling, flooding skating rinks, drinking fountains, etc., shall be metered where meters can be set to measure the service. Where it is impossible to measure the service, the superintendent shall estimate the gallons of water used based on the pressure, size of opening and period of time water is allowed to be drawn. The metered or estimated quantity used shall be billed at the rate of 42¢ per 1,000 gallons.

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## Reconnection Charge

	<u>During Normal Business Hours</u>	<u>After Normal Business Hours</u>
Reinstallation of meter	\$8.00	\$12.00
Valve turned on at curb stop	\$6.00	\$ 9.00

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## Water Lateral Installation Charge

The initial water service will be installed from the main through the curb stop and box by the utility, for which there will be a charge as follows:

1-inch copper service - \$250

Large sized service - Actual Cost

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## Private Fire-Protection Service - Unmetered

This service shall consist of unmetered connections to the main for automatic sprinkler systems, standpipes (where same are connected permanently or continuously to the mains), and private hydrants.

Quarterly demand charges for private fire-protection service:

<u>Size of Connection</u>	<u>Charge</u>
2-inch	\$ 13
3-inch	\$ 22
4-inch	\$ 32
6-inch	\$ 58
8-inch	\$ 84
10-inch	\$114
12-inch	\$136

Billing: Same provisions as for general service.

Combined service:

Where a 4-inch or larger connection is made to the main for private fire-protection service, such service line may be tapped with a smaller size branch line for general service. This small branch line shall be metered and the water therefrom billed at the regular metered rates, schedule Mg-1. The charge for private fire-protection service will be that applicable to the size of connection to the main as stated in the above schedule. Where "X" equals the unmetered private fire-protection quarterly charge applicable to the size of connection, and "Y" is the quarterly minimum charge for general service, the quarterly charge for private fire-protection service will be  $(X - 0.30Y)$ .

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## Standby Water Service

The owner of each lot or equivalent parcel of land shall be charged for water facilities available but not connected.

Where more than one lot or equivalent is used as a unit and a customer is connected, the total charge for general water service to such customer shall be not less than the standby charge applicable to the several lots.

Rates:

Quarterly charge - \$2.25.

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## Building and Construction Water Service

Metered service rates to be applied.

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## Remote Reading Register Meter Attachment

A remote register meter attachment will be installed upon request of a customer for such installation. Where the register is to be attached to the outside of the building in which the meter is located, the customer will be charged for each meter attachment at the rate set forth below.

Should the utility change its entire system to remote register meters subsequent to installation of a remote register for which a charge was made, the amount paid, less \$1 for each year of service exclusive of any charge for excess wire installation, will be refunded to the then owner of the premises.

Rate: Each remote register - \$18.00.

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## Rules and Regulations

Compliance with Rules

All persons now receiving a water supply from the St. Nazianz water utility, or who may hereafter make application therefor, shall be considered as having agreed to be bound by the rules and regulations as filed with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

Establishment of Service

Application for water service shall be made in writing on a form furnished by the water utility. The application will contain the legal description of the property to be served, name of the owner, the exact use to be made of the service, and the size of the supply pipe and meter desired. (Note particularly any special refrigeration and/or air-conditioning water consuming appliances.)

Service will be furnished only if (1) premises have a frontage on a properly platted street or public strip in which a cast iron or other long-life water main has been laid, or where property owner has agreed to and complied with the provisions of the utility's filed main extension rule, (2) property owner has installed or agrees to install a service pipe from the curb line to the point of use, and laid not less than 6 feet below the surface of an established or proposed grade, and according to utility's specification, and (3) premises have adequate piping beyond metering point.

The owner of a multiunit dwelling has the option of being served by individual metered water service to each unit. The owner, by selecting this option, is required to provide interior plumbing and meter settings to enable individual metered service to each unit and individual disconnection without affecting service to other units. Each meter and meter connection will be a separate water utility customer for the purpose of the filed rules and regulations.

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No division of the water service of any lot or parcel of land shall be made for the extension and independent meterage of the supply to an adjoining lot or parcel of land. No division of a water supply service shall be made at the curb for separate supplies therefrom for two or more separate premises having frontage on any street or public service strip whether owned by the same or different parties.

The superintendent is hereby empowered to withhold approval of any application wherein full information of the purpose of such supply is not clearly indicated and set forth by the applicant property owner.

Service Contract

The minimum service contract period shall be one year unless otherwise specified by special contract or in the applicable rate schedule. Where a customer, at his request, has been disconnected (meter removed) prior to expiration of his minimum contract period and his account is not delinquent, and where thereafter he requests the reconnection of service in the same or other location, a reconnection charge payable in advance, shall be collected. See Schedule R-1 for applicable rate. The minimum contract period is renewed with each reconnection.

A reconnection charge shall also be required from consumers whose services are disconnected (shut off at curb stop) because of non-payment of bills when due, (not including disconnection for failure to comply with deposit or guarantee rules). See Schedule R-1 for applicable rate.

A consumer shall be considered as the same consumer provided the reconnection is requested for the same location by any member of the same family, or if a place of business, by any partner or employee of the same business.

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Temporary Metered Supply, Meter and Deposits

An applicant for temporary water supply on a metered basis shall make and maintain a monetary deposit of not less than \$15 for each meter installed, as security for payment for use of water and for such other charges which may arise from the use of the supply. The charge for setting the valve and furnishing and setting the meter will be \$5.00, so that of the \$15 deposited, \$10 will be available to pay for the water used at the scheduled rates.

Water for Construction

When water is requested for construction purposes, or for filling tanks or other such uses, an application therefor shall be made to the superintendent, in writing, upon application provided for that purpose in the Water Department office, giving a statement of the amount of construction work to be done, or the size of the tank to be filled, etc. Payment for the water for construction shall be made in advance at the scheduled rates. The service pipe must be installed inside the building from where the water must be drawn. No connection with the service pipe at the curb shall be made without special permission from the superintendent.

In no case will any employee of the utility turn on water for construction work unless the contractor first presents a permit. Upon completion of the construction work, the contractor must return the original permit to the Water Department, together with a statement of the actual amount of construction work performed.

Consumers shall not allow contractors, masons or other persons to take water from their premises without first showing a permit from the department. Any consumer failing to comply with this provision will have water service discontinued.

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Use of Hydrants for Construction

In cases where no other supply is available, permission may be granted by the superintendent to use a hydrant. No hydrant shall be used until it is equipped with a sprinkling valve. A charge of \$6.00 will be made for setting a valve, or for moving it from one hydrant to another. In no case shall any valve be moved except by a member of the Water Department.

Before a valve is set, payment must be made for its setting and for the water to be used at the scheduled rates. The applicant must make a deposit of \$5.00 for the hydrant wheel and \$5.00 for the reducer, if necessary. When the contractor has finished using the hydrant he must notify the Water Department to that effect. The minimum charge for the use of water from a hydrant will be \$10.00, exclusive of the deposit, but including the charge for setting the valve.

In the use of a hydrant supply, the hydrant valve will be set at the proper opening by the Water Department when the sprinkling valve is set, and the flow of water must be regulated by means of the sprinkling valve. If the water is to be used through iron pipe connections, all such pipe installations shall have the swing joint to facilitate quick disconnection from the fire hydrant.

Operation of Valves and Hydrants, and Unauthorized Use of Water -  
Penalty

Any person who shall, without authority of the superintendent, allow contractors, masons, or other unauthorized persons to take water from their premises, operate any valve connected with the street or supply mains, or open any fire hydrant connected with the distribution system, except for the purpose of extinguishing fire, or who shall wantonly damage or impair the same shall be subject to a fine as provided by municipal ordinance. Permits

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for the use of hydrants apply only to such hydrants as are designated for the specific use.

Refunds of Monetary Deposits

All monies deposited as security for payment of charges arising from the use of temporary water supply on a metered basis, or for the return of a sprinkling valve wheel or reducer, if the water is used on an unmetered basis, will be refunded to the depositor on the termination of the use of water, the payment of all charges levied against the depositor, and the return of the wheel and reducer.

Service Connections (or Water Laterals)

No water service shall be laid through any trench having cinders, rubbish, rock or gravel fill, or any other material which may cause injury to or disintegration of the service pipe, unless adequate means of protection are provided by sand filling or such other insulation as may be approved by the superintendent. Service pipes passing through curb or retaining walls shall be adequately safeguarded by provision of a channel space or pipe casing, not less than twice the diameter of the service connection. The space between the service pipe and channel or pipe casing shall be filled and lightly caulked with an oakum, mastic cement, or other resilient material, and made impervious to moisture.

In backfilling the pipe trench, the service pipe must be protected against injury by carefully hand tamping the ground filling, free from hard lumps, rocks, stones, or other injurious material, around and at least six (6) inches over the pipe.

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All water supplies shall be of undiminished size from the street main in to the point of meter placement. Beyond the meter outlet valve the piping shall be sized and proportioned to provide, on all floors, at all times, an equitable distribution of water supply for the greatest probable number of fixtures or appliances operating simultaneously.

Replacement and Repair of Service Pipe

Where the property owner requests that a larger service lateral be installed to replace an existing smaller diameter pipe, an allowance of \$15 will be made as a deduction in the cost, providing the new service is to be installed in the same ditch as the existing service pipe.

The service pipe from the main to and through the curb stop will be maintained and kept in repair and when worn out, replaced at the expense of the utility. The property owner shall maintain the service pipe from the curb stop to the point of use.

If a consumer fails to repair a leaking or broken service pipe from curb to point of metering or use within such time as may appear reasonable to the superintendent after notification has been served on the consumer by the superintendent, the water will be shut off and will not be turned on again until the repairs have been completed.

Charges for Water Wasted Due to Leaks

See Wis. Adm. Code, Chapter PSC 185.35(6).

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Thawing Frozen Services

See Wis. Adm. Code, Chapter PSC 185.89

Stop Boxes

The consumer shall protect the stop box in the terrace and shall keep the same free from dirt and other obstructions. The utility shall not be liable for failure to locate stop box and shut off the water in case of a leak on the consumer's premises.

Installation of Meters

Meters will be furnished and placed by the utility and are not to be disconnected or tampered with by the consumer. All meters shall be so located that they shall be protected from obstructions and permit ready access thereto for reading, inspection, and servicing, such location to be designated or approved by the superintendent. All piping within the building must be supplied by the consumer. Where additional meters are desired by the consumer, he shall pay for all piping and an additional amount sufficient to cover the cost of maintenance and depreciation, but not less than 25 cents per month.

Repairs to Meters

Meters will be repaired by the water department and the cost of such repairs caused by ordinary wear and tear will be borne by the utility.

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Repair of any damage to a meter resulting from the carelessness of the owner of the premises, his agent, or tenant, or from the negligence of any one of them to properly secure and protect same, including any damage that may result from allowing a water meter to become frozen or to be injured from the presence of hot water or steam in the meter, shall be paid for by the consumer or the owner of the premises.

Service Piping for Meter Settings

In cases where a new customer whose service is to be metered installs the original service piping or where an existing metered customer changes his service piping for his own convenience, or where an existing flat rate customer requests to be metered, the customer shall, at his expense, provide a suitable location and the proper connections for the meter. The water superintendent should be consulted as to the type and size of meter setting. Where it is possible to set meters in the basement, or other suitable place within the building, a short nipple shall be inserted after the stop and waste cock, then a union, and then another nipple and coupling of the proper length. The nipple attached to the union and coupling shall be cut to a standard length provided by the plans of the superintendent (he may require a horizontal run of 18 inches in such pipe line) which may later be removed for the insertion of the meter into the supply line.

No permit will be given to change from metered to flat rate service.

Turning on Water

The water cannot be turned on for a consumer except by a duly authorized employee of the utility. When a plumber has completed

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a job, he must leave the water turned off. This does not prevent him from testing his work.

Failure to Read Meters

Where the utility is unable to read a meter after two successive attempts, the fact will be plainly indicated on the bill, and either an estimated bill will be computed, or the minimum charge applied. The difference shall be adjusted when the meter is again read, that is, the bill for the succeeding quarter will be computed with the gallons or cubic feet in each block of the rate schedule doubled and credit will be given on that bill for the amount of the minimum bill paid the preceding month. Only in unusual cases or where approval is obtained from the customer shall more than two consecutive estimated bills be rendered.

If the meter is damaged (see Surreptitious Use of Water) or fails to operate, the bill will be based on the average use during the past year unless there is some reason why the use is not normal. If the average use cannot be properly employed, the bill will be estimated by some equitable method.

Complaint Meter Tests

If a customer requests, the utility shall promptly make an accuracy test in addition to the periodic or installation test if 24 months or more has elapsed since the last complaint test of the same meter in the same location. If less than 24 months has expired, there will be a charge of \$2.00 per inch of nominal size or fraction thereof, payable in advance. If the meter is found fast in excess of 2%, any payment that was made for the test will be refunded and there will be an adjustment for past billings. See Wis. Adm. Code PSC Sections 185.61 through 185.78.

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Inspection of Premises

During reasonable hours any officer or authorized employee of the utility shall have the right of access to the premises supplied with service, for the purpose of inspection or for the enforcement of the utility's rules and regulations. At least once every 12 months the utility will make a systematic inspection of all unmetered water taps for the purpose of checking waste and unnecessary use of water.

CUSTOMER'S DEPOSITSNew Residential Service

The company may require a cash deposit or other guarantee as a condition of new residential service if, and only if, the customer has an outstanding account balance with the company which accrued within the last 6 years, and which at the time of the request for new service remains outstanding and not in dispute.

Existing Residential Service

The company may require a cash deposit or other guarantee as a condition of continued service if, and only if, either or both the following circumstances apply:

1. Service has been shut off or discontinued within the last 12 months for violation of these rules and regulations or for nonpayment of a delinquent bill for service which is not in dispute.
2. Credit information obtained by the company subsequent to the initial application indicates that the initial application for

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service was falsified or incomplete to the extent that a deposit would be required under these rules and regulations.

Commercial and Industrial Service

If the credit for an applicant for commercial or industrial service has not been established to the satisfaction of the company, he may be required to make a deposit or otherwise guarantee to the company payment of bills for service.

Conditions of Deposit

See Wis. Adm. Code, Chapter PSC 185.36(4).

Refund of Deposits

The company shall review the payment record of each residential customer with a deposit on file at not less than 12-month intervals and shall not require or continue to require a deposit unless a deposit could be required under the conditions stated above. In the case of a commercial or industrial customer the company shall refund the deposit after 24 consecutive months of prompt payment if the customer's credit standing is satisfactory to the company. Payment shall be considered "prompt" if it is made prior to notice of disconnection for nonpayment of a bill not in dispute. Any deposit or portion thereof refunded to a customer shall be refunded by check unless both the customer and the company agree to credit the regular bill or unless service is terminated, in which case the deposit with accrued interest shall be applied to the final bill and any balance returned to the customer promptly.

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Other Conditions

A new or additional deposit may be required upon reasonable written notice of the need therefore if such new or additional deposit could have been required under the circumstances when the initial deposit was made. Service may be refused or disconnected for failure to pay a deposit request as provided in the rules. When service has been disconnected for failure to make a deposit, or for failure to pay a delinquent bill, or for failure to comply with the terms of a Deferred Payment Agreement, and satisfactory arrangements have been made to have service restored, a reconnection charge as specified elsewhere in these rules, shall be paid by the customer as a condition to restoration of service.

Guarantee Contracts

The company may accept, in lieu of a cash deposit, a contract signed by a guarantor satisfactory to the company, whereby payment of a specified sum not exceeding the cash deposit requirement is guaranteed. The term of a guarantee contract shall be two years, but shall automatically terminate after the customer has closed his account, or at the guarantor's request upon 30 days' written notice to the company.

Upon termination of a guarantee contract or whenever the company deems same insufficient as to amount or surety, a cash deposit or a new or additional guarantee may be required upon reasonable written notice to the customer. Service to any customer who fails to comply with these requirements may be refused, or upon 8 days' written notice, disconnected.

The Company shall mail the guarantor copies of all disconnect notices sent to the customer whose account he has guaranteed unless the guarantor waives such notice in writing.

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In lieu of a cash deposit or guarantee, an applicant for new service who has an outstanding account accrued within the last 6 years with the company shall have the right to receive service from the company under a Deferred Payment Agreement as provided in these Rules and Regulations for the outstanding account balance.

DISCONNECTION AND REFUSAL OF SERVICEReasons for Disconnection

Service may be disconnected or refused for any of the following reasons:

1. Failure to pay a delinquent account or failure to comply with the terms of a Deferred Payment Agreement.
2. Violation of the company's rules and regulations pertaining to the use of service in a manner which interferes with the service of others or to the operation of nonstandard equipment, if the customer has first been notified and provided with reasonable opportunity to remedy the situation.
3. Failure to comply with deposit or guarantee arrangements as provided for in these rules and regulations.
4. Diversion of service around the meter.

Disconnection for Delinquent Accounts

A bill for service is delinquent if unpaid after the due date shown on the bill. The company may disconnect service for a delinquent bill by giving the customer, at least 8 calendar days prior disconnection, a written disconnect notice which may be included with the bill for service. For purposes of this rule, the due date shall not be less than 20 days after issuance.

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The company may disconnect without notice where a dangerous condition exists for as long as the condition exists. Service may be denied to any customer for failure to comply with the applicable requirements of the rules and regulations of the Public Service Commission or of these rules and regulations, or if a dangerous or unsafe condition exists on the customer's premises.

The company shall notify the appropriate county Department of Health and Social Services at least 5 calendar days prior to any scheduled disconnection of residential service if the customer or responsible person has made a written request for this procedure. The company shall apprise customers of this right upon application for service. If service to a residential customer which has been disconnected has not been restored within 24 hours after disconnection, the company shall notify the appropriate Sheriff's Department of the billing name and service address and that a threat to health and life might exist to persons occupying the premises.

Deferred Payment Agreement

The company shall offer Deferred Payment Agreements to residential customers. The Deferred Payment Agreement shall provide that service will not be discontinued for the outstanding bill if the customer pays a stated reasonable amount of the outstanding bill and agrees to pay a stated reasonable portion of the remaining outstanding balance in installments until the bill is paid. In determining what amounts are "reasonable", the parties shall consider the:

1. Size of the delinquent account.
2. Customer's ability to pay.
3. Customer's payment history.

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4. Time that the debt has been outstanding.
5. Reasons why the debt has been outstanding.
6. Any other relevant factors concerning the circumstances of the customer.

In the Deferred Payment Agreement it shall state immediately preceding the space provided for the customer's signature and in bold face print at least two sizes larger than any other used thereon, the following:

IF YOU ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THIS AGREEMENT, DO NOT SIGN.  
IF YOU DO SIGN THIS AGREEMENT YOU GIVE UP YOUR RIGHT TO  
DISPUTE THE AMOUNT DUE UNDER THE AGREEMENT EXCEPT FOR THE  
COMPANY'S FAILURE OR REFUSAL TO FOLLOW THE TERMS OF THIS  
AGREEMENT.

A Deferred Payment Agreement shall not include a finance charge.

If an applicant for service has not fulfilled the terms of a Deferred Payment Agreement, the company shall have the right to disconnect service or refuse service in accordance with these rules and under such circumstances, it shall not be required to offer subsequent negotiation of a Deferred Payment Agreement prior to disconnection.

Any payments made by the customer in compliance with a Deferred Payment Agreement, or otherwise, shall be first considered made in payment of the previous account balance with any remainder credited to the current bill.

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Dispute Procedures

Whenever the customer advises the company's designated office prior to the disconnection of service that all or part of any billing as rendered is in dispute, or that any matter related to the disconnection is in dispute, the company shall investigate the dispute promptly and completely, advise the customer of the results of the investigation, attempt to resolve the dispute, and provide the opportunity for the customer to enter into a Deferred Payment Agreement when applicable in order to settle the dispute.

After the customer has pursued the available remedies with the company, he may request that the Public Service Commission's staff informally review the disputed issue and recommend terms of settlement.

Any party to the dispute after informal review may make a written request for a formal review by the Commission. If the Commission decides to conduct a formal hearing on the dispute, the customer must pay 50% of the bill in dispute or post a bond for that amount on or before the hearing date. Failure to pay the amount or post the bond will constitute a waiver of the right to a hearing. Service shall not be disconnected because of any disputed matter while the disputed matter is being pursued under the disputes procedure. In no way does this relieve the customer from the obligation of paying charges which are not disputed.

The form of disconnection notice to be used.

## DISCONNECTION NOTICE

Dear Customer:

The bill enclosed with this notice includes your current charge for utility service and your previous unpaid balance.

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You have 8 days to pay the utility service arrears or your service is subject to disconnection.

If you fail to pay the service arrears, or fail to contact us within the 8 days allowed to make reasonable time payment arrangements, we will proceed with disconnection action.

To avoid the inconvenience of service interruption and an additional charge of (amount) reconnection, we urge you to pay the full arrears IMMEDIATELY AT ONE OF OUR OFFICES.

If you have entered into a Deferred Payment Agreement with us and have failed to make the time payments you agreed to, your service will be subject to disconnection unless you pay the amount due within 8 days.

If you have a reason for delaying the payment, call us and explain the situation.

PLEASE CALL THIS TELEPHONE NUMBER, (appropriate telephone number), IMMEDIATELY IF:

1. You have a question about your utility service arrears.
2. You are unable to pay the full amount of the bill and are willing to enter into a time payment agreement with us.
3. There are any circumstances you think should be taken into consideration before service is discontinued.
4. Any resident is seriously ill.

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Illness Provision

If there is an existing medical emergency in your home and you furnish the Company with a statement signed by either a licensed Wisconsin physician, or a public health official, we will delay disconnection of service up to 21 days. The statement must identify the medical emergency and specify the period of time during which disconnection will aggravate the existing emergency.

Deferred Payment Agreements

If, for some reason, you are unable to pay the full amount of the utility service arrears on your bill, you may contact the Company to discuss arrangements to pay the arrears over an extended period of time.

This time payment agreement will require:

1. Payment of a reasonable amount at the time the agreement is made.
2. Payment of the remainder of the outstanding balance in monthly installments over a reasonable length of time.
3. Payment of all future utility service bills in full by the due date.

In any situation where you are unable to resolve billing disputes or disputes about the grounds for proposed disconnection through contacts with our utility, you may make an appeal to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission, Madison, Wisconsin.

(UTILITY NAME)

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In the event the utility is not able to collect any bill for water service even though Deposit and Guarantee Rules are on file, the bill may be put upon the tax roll as provided in Section 66.069, Wisconsin Statutes.

Surreptitious Use of Water

When the utility has reasonable evidence that a consumer is obtaining his supply of water, in whole or in part, by means of devices or methods used to stop or interfere with the proper metering of the utility service being delivered to his equipment, the utility reserves the right to estimate and present immediately a bill for service unmetered as a result of such interference and such bill shall be payable subject to a 24-hour disconnection of service. When the utility shall have disconnected the consumer for any such reason, the utility will reconnect the consumer upon the following conditions:

1. The consumer will be required to deposit with the utility an amount sufficient to guarantee the payment of the consumer's bills for utility service to the utility.
2. The consumer will be required to pay the utility for any and all damages to its equipment on the consumer's premises due to such stoppage or interference with its metering.
3. The consumer must further agree to comply with reasonable requirements to protect the utility against further losses.

Sections 98.26 and 943.20, Wisconsin Statutes, as relating to water service, are hereby adopted and made a part of these rules.

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Vacation of Premises

When premises are to be vacated, the utility shall be notified in writing at once, so that it may remove the meter and shut off the supply at the curb cock. The owner of the premises shall be liable to prosecution for any damage to the property of the water department by reason of failure to notify the utility of vacancy.

Repairs to Mains

The utility reserves the right to shut off the water in the mains temporarily, to make repairs, alterations or additions to the plant or system. When the circumstances will permit of sufficient delay, the company will give notification, by newspaper publication or otherwise, of the discontinuance of the supply. No rebate will be allowed to consumers for such temporary suspension of supply.

Duty of Superintendent with Respect to Safety of the Public

It shall be the duty of the superintendent to see that all open ditches for water mains, hydrants, and service pipes are properly guarded to prevent accident to any person or vehicle and at night there shall be displayed amber signal light in such manner as will, so far as possible, insure the safety of the public.

Handling Water Mains and Service Pipes in Sewer or Other Trenches

Where excavating machines are used in digging sewers, all water mains shall be maintained at the expense of the contractor.

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Contractors must ascertain for themselves the existence and location of all service pipes. Where they are removed, cut or damaged in the construction of a sewer, the contractor must at his own expense cause them to be replaced or repaired at once. He must not shut off the water service pipes from any consumer for a period exceeding 6 hours.

Settling Main or Service Trenches

Trenches in unpaved streets shall be refilled with moist, damp earth, or by means of water tamping. When water tamping is used, the water shall be turned into the trench after the first 12 inches of backfill has been placed and then the trench shall be kept flooded until the remainder of the backfill has been put in.

Protective DevicesA. Protective Devices in General

The owner or occupant of every premise receiving water supply shall apply and maintain suitable means of protection of the premise supply, and all appliances thereof, against damage arising in any manner from the use of the water supply, variation of water pressure, or any interruption of water supply. Particularly, such owner or occupant must protect water cooled compressors for refrigeration systems by means of high pressure safety cutout devices. There shall likewise be provided means for the prevention of the transmission of water ram or noise of operation of any valve or appliance through the piping of their own or adjacent premises.

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B. Relief Valves

On all "closed systems" (i.e., systems having a check valve, pressure regulator, or reducing valve, water filter or softener) an effective pressure relief valve shall be installed either in the top tapping or the upper side tapping of the hot water tank, or on the hot water distributing pipe connection at the tank. A one-half (1/2) inch drain pipe shall be connected to the relief valve for discharge on the floor or into a sink or open drain through an air gap. No stop valve shall be placed between the hot water tank and the relief valve or on the drain pipe.

C. Air Chambers

An air chamber or approved shock absorber shall be installed at the terminus of each riser, fixture branch, or hydraulic elevator main for the prevention of undue water hammer. The air chamber shall have a diameter not less than that of the pipe it serves and a length not less than fifteen (15) diameters of said supply pipe. Where possible, the air chamber should be provided at its base with a valve and drain cock for water drainage and replenishment of air.

Purity of Supply Not To Be Impaired by Cross Connections

Every person owning or occupying a premise receiving city or village water supply shall maintain such village or city water supply free from any connection, either of a direct or of an indirect nature, with a water supply from a foreign source, or of any manner of connection with any fixture or appliance, whereby water from a foreign supply or the waste from any fixture, appliance, waste or soil pipe may flow, be syphoned or pumped into the piping of the city or village water system.

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## Water Main Extension Rule

Water mains will be extended for new customers on the following bases:

- A. Where the cost of the extension is to immediately be collected through assessment by the municipality against the abutting property, the procedure set forth under section 66.60, Wisconsin Statutes, will apply, and no additional customer contribution to the utility will be required.
- B. Where the municipality is unwilling or unable to make a special assessment, the extension will be made on a customer-financed basis as follows:
  - 1. The applicant(s) will advance as a contribution in aid of construction the total amount equivalent to that which should have been assessed for all property under (A).
  - 2. Part of the contribution required in (1) will be refundable. When additional customers are connected to the extended main within 20 years of the date of completion, contributions in aid of construction will be collected equal to the amount which would have been assessed under (A) for the abutting property being served. This amount will be refunded to the original contributor(s). In no case will the contributions received from additional customers exceed the proportionate amount which would have been required under (A) nor will it exceed the total assessable cost of the original extension.
- C. When a new customer(s) is connected to an existing main, not financed by customer contributions, it shall not be considered as a main extension and no contribution may be collected from the customer(s). This provision applies to mains installed after the effective date of this rule.

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## Water Main Installations in Platted Subdivisions

Application for installation of water mains in regularly platted real estate development subdivisions shall be filed with the municipal clerk and shall set forth the following information:

1. Name of subdivision.
2. Legal description.
3. Map showing streets, lots and sizes of proposed mains and hydrants, and street laterals.
4. Date of approval of subdivision plan by state Department of Local Affairs and Development.
5. Date of approval of proposed mains by Department of Natural Resources.
6. Number of houses presently under construction.

Upon receipt of the application, the water utility will prepare detailed estimates of the cost of extending water mains and hydrants of the size deemed necessary in the subdivision and submit same to the municipal governing body for approval of the extension as it pertains to public fire-protection service requirements.

The applicant for water service to be supplied to a subdivision shall be required to advance to the utility, prior to the beginning of the construction, the total estimated cost of the extension. If the final costs exceed estimated costs, an additional billing will be made for the balance of the cost due, with this balance to be paid within 30 days. If final costs are less than estimated, a refund of overpayment will be made by the water utility.

If the developer, or a contractor employed by the developer, is to install the water mains (with approval of the utility), the developer shall be responsible for the total cost of construction.

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